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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 1698

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR LE PLO  
SUBJ: VIEWS OF UNION OF POPULAR LABOR FORCES

1. ON MARCH 27 SAMIR TRABULSI CALLED ON EMBOFF.  
TRABULSI IS PRINCIPAL AIDE OF KAMAL SHATILA, SECRETARY  
GENERAL OF THE UNION OF POPULAR LABOR FORCES (UPLF),  
A SMALL LEBANESE PARTY WHICH IS CLOSELY ALLIED WITH  
SYRIA. TRABULSI SAID THE UPLF UNEQUIVOCALLY ENDORSED  
UNSC RESOLUTION 425 AND WAS "VERY ENCOURAGED" BY U.S.  
SUPPORT OF IT. HE ADDED THAT IN VIEW OF THE UPLF:

2. THE DEPLOYMENT OF U.N. TROOPS TO SOUTH LEBANON  
WAS ESSENTIAL. THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE FOR HELPING  
PRESERVE PEACE IN THE AREA. IN ADDITION, SYRIAN ADF  
UNITS SHOULD MOVE TO THE LITANI.

3. UNITS OF THE LEBANESE ARMY SHOULD BE DEPLOYED  
SOUTH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE GOVERNMENT HAD  
ENOUGH MEN AND MATERIAL. IT WAS ONLY A QUESTION OF  
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WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAD THE WILL TO SEND SOLDIERS  
SOUTH. THE UNITS SENT SOUTH SHOULD INCLUDE BOTH  
CHRISTIANS AND MOSLEMS. THE UNITS SHOULD BE DRAWN  
FROM THE MIXED FORCE OF 3000 TO 4000 SOLDIERS  
IN THE BEKAA. (ASIM QANSUH, HEAD OF THE PRO-SYRIAN  
BA'ATH PARTY IN LEBANON, HAS ALSO SAID ANY UNITS  
SENT SOUTH SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM THESE SOLDIERS.

SEE BEIRUT 1616).

4. THERE HAD BEEN SOME CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH UNTIL EZER WEIZMAN STATED THAT THE ISRAELI ARMY WOULD "TAKE THINGS IN HAND" IF THE PALESTINIANS DID NOT STOP FIRING WITHIN 48 HOURS. IF WEIZMAN HAD ACTUALLY MADE SUCH A STATEMENT, TRABULSI SAID, THE PROSPECTS FOR STABILIZATION WERE VERY SLIM.

5. SECURITY IN BEIRUT HAD DETERIORATED BECAUSE GUNMEN OF THE COMMUNISTS AND THEIR ALLIES, SUCH AS AL MURABITUM, HAD USED THE REFUGEE PRESENCE IN THE CITY AS A PRETEXT TO GET BACK OUT ON THE STREETS. THE ONLY WAY TO RESTORE SECURITY IN WEST BEIRUT WAS TO GET THE ISRAELIS TO WITHDRAW AND THE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN THE SOUTH.

6. NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WAS NOW ON THE BACK BURNER. THERE WERE GOING TO BE NO NEW FORMULAS PROPOSED AND NO NEW CABINETS FORMED UNTIL ISRAELIS WITHDREW. PARKER

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